The *Proteſtants* Triumph : *OR*, A particular Deſcription and Proſpect of

LONDON-DERRY,

In its Scituation, Building, Fortification, and the Defence it has made againſt the *French* and *Iriſh* Papiſts : With the manner of the Sieges, Sallies, Encounters, Succeſs and Victories of the *Proteſtants* : and what ever elſe is Remarkable in that Loyal and Faithful Town.

Together with an Old *Iriſh Propheſie*, that relates to the Subduing that Nation.

Licenſed according to Order.

A Deſcription of the Portraiture, for the better Satisfaction of the Peruſer.

(A) Ferry-Key-Gate. (B) Ship-Key-Gate. (C) Market-Houſe. (D) The Church. (E) Biſhop-Gate. (F) Butchers-Gate. (G) The Ferry. (H) Boggs. (I) The going to the Harbor-Mouth, or Green Caſtle. (K) The Biſhops Houſe. (L) The River, or Lough.

THE Kingdom of *Ireland* was Subdued by the *Engliſh* in the Reign of King *Henry* the II. and although ſince that time ſundry Inſurrections and Rebellions have been raiſed to wreſt it from us, yet this Crown has held it out with ſo hard a hand, that the Attempts have been ſucceſsleſs, and many times fatal to the Natives. *Dublin* is indeed accounted the chief City of this Kingdom, becauſe frequently the Reſidence of the Deputies and Lord Lieutenants, and the Prime Seat of Juſtice; yet for Loyalty at all times to the *Engliſh* ſince the building thereof, *London-Derry* has claimed the Primacy. And having made this Deſcription in General, we come now to particulars of more moment,

The Town of *London-Derry*, built by the Companies of *London* for the ſecuring their intereſts in that Kingdom, when trade encreaſed, and ſuch as would purchaſe were alloted conſiderable quantities of Land, in the Province of *Ulſter*, is Scituate very advantageouſly about three miles from the Sea, incompaſſed on three ſides by a Lough or River, of conſiderable depth and breadth, emptying it ſelf into the Ocean, and is Navigable for Ships of Burthen, as far as the Town, and for Boats of Burthen and other Veſſels, in all parts; there being a Ferry and divers Boats plying on it, for the Tranſportation of Paſſengers. The Town is Scituate in the County of *London-Derry*, in the Province of *Ulſter*, incompaſſed with a ſtrong Wall and Flankers, on and in which, are placed advantageouſly to annoy the approach of the Enemy, ſundry pieces of Cannon : It lies up a little riſing Hill from the Land, and has a Bogg on one part to debar the approach of Aſſailants: and at *Killmore*, about three miles from it, is a Block-Houſe or Caſtle, to hinder any approach or ſurprize: The Hills riſe pleaſantly at ſome diſtance, and the Valleys and Plaines between make it a delightful place: It is Governed by a Mayor and Aldermen, as Towns Incorporated in *England*; and the Judges Itenerent for the province, ſit there upon Life and Death and *Niſi-prius*. The Fiſhing trade and many other profits, belong to the Companys of *London*; and there is a Cuſtom-Houſe & Factory ſtore, kept upon the Key

The Gates of *London-Derry* are four, *viz.* *Ferry-Gate*, *Ship-Key-Gate*, *Biſhops-Gate*, & *Butchers-Gate*. In the middle of the Town ſtands the Market-Houſe, where the Markets are uſually kept, and there are four pieces of Cannon, with the Arms and Names of four Companys of *London* on them, two of which appertain to the *Felt-makers* and *Cloathiers*; and theſe Guns are bent on the four Gates, there being a proſpect of the four principal Streets when you ſtand by the Market-Houſe, they anſwering the Names of the Gate: The Market-Houſe is a very Famous Building, and in it the Magiſtrates Conſult their waighty Affairs, though of late it is fallen ſomewhat to decay. At the Weſt-end of the Town, a little on this ſide *Biſhops-Gate*, ſtands the Church, very pleaſantly amongſt a Grove of Trees, and by it the Biſhops pallace; there is yet remaining the ruins of another Church, which time or accident has rendred uſeleſs: The Building is according to the old *Engliſh* faſhion, partly Loam or paper Buildings, and partly Brick; the Inhabitants are generally very Sagacious in their way of Trade or Buſineſs. The place lyes over-againſt the Coaſt of *Scotland*, and has for its Accomodation, a fair Haven at a little diſtance; and although it is not accounted above a Mile in Circumference; yet for Courage of its Inhabitants, in withſtanding the whole power of the *French* and *Iriſh Papiſts* in that Kingdom this preſent Year 1689. it is the more Remarkable. Wherefore having deſcribed the place anſwerable to the portaiture, we now proceed to give an Account of the Noble and Valiant Reſiſtance *London-Derry* has made inorder to the ſecuring the *Engliſh* Intereſt in that *kingdom*

The Earl of *Tyrconnel* upon King *James*'s leaving *England*, as Deputy of *Ireland*, raiſed all the Popiſh Forces that lay in his power, diſarmed ſuch Proteſtants as conveniently he could, ſeizing likewiſe their Horſes, and plundering and burning many of their Houſes, which obliged ſuch as could get together to ſtand to their Arms, in expectation of Aſſiſtance from *England*, and in many Encounters they worſted the Papiſts, giving them ſome conſiderable overthrows, but the *French* King ſending ſupplies of Officers, Souldiers, and Ammunition, and the arrival of the late King *James*, they found themſelves unable to keep the Field, and therefore thought it expedient to fortify themſelves in Towns, and accordingly in *Colerain* they made a vigorous reſiſtance, killing a conſiderable number of the Enemy, but not being timely ſuccoured they were obliged, after all that could be expected from true Valour and Conduct, to ſurrender upon ſuch terms as they could get: And now *London-Derry* being the only place of note that held out for the Proteſtants, the popiſh Army ſent all their Forces to oblige its ſurrender; and though it is ſhrewdly ſuſpected they corrupted ſome of the chief Commanders, who ſuffered Collonel *Shelton* to ſwim the River with his Horſe interupted, and march within Musket-ſhot of the Gates, and afterwards diſerted the Town, and notwithſtanding the diſappointment of Collonel *Richards* and Collonel *Coningham*'s Regiments, ſent by the King of *England* to the Relief of this place, Mr. *Walker*, Miniſter of the Town took upon him the Command, and by his Courage and example, put new Life and Vigour into the Citizens and Souldiers, ſo that the *Iriſh* Army, after ſeveral of their parties had been beaten off, coming before the place, on the 19th. of *April*, poſſeſſed themſelves of the Caſtle of *Kulmore* on the 25th, in which there were three pieces of Cannon, the Garriſon not being longer able to maintain it for want of Water, however they capitulated to march out with their Swords, but they were notwithſtanding plundered by the *Iriſh* Souldiers, whereupon they advanced nearer the Town and raiſed ſome Batteries; but notwithſtanding the *Proteſtants*, there being between 8 and 9000 in Garriſon fired very briskly upon them, uſing their utmoſt endeavour to hinder their approaches: And although the enemy planted ſome Mortars, and caſt Bombs into the Town, yet through the caution and warineſs of the Beſieged they did little or no Execution; yet upon a Council, unanimouſly reſolved that it was convenient to make a vigorous Sally, and taking the opportunity when the Enemy appeared moſt Supine, they Sallyed with a ſtrong party, ſurprizing and cutting off a great number of the *Iriſh* and *French*, putting them in all places to the Rout, purſuing them, and taking much Spoil, eſpecially in Cattel, which cauſed a great conſternation amongſt the enemy, and puts me in mind of an old *Iriſh* propheſie, which ſays, *That* pennybourn-Mill *ſhall be watered with the blood of the Natives, when there ſhall be a certain Man living that has two Heels on one Foot, and after that the* Iriſh *Nation ſhall be no more.* This Mill is about a Mile from *Derry*, and 'tis ſaid there is ſuch a ſort of Man now living in the ſame. And in the Action the *French* Lieutenant-General *Maman*, Major *Taff*, Captain *Fitz-gerald*, Captain *Bourk*, and ſeveral other Officers were killed, with a great number of common Soldiers; and the beſieged encouraged by this ſucceſs made a generous Reſolution amongſt themſelves to hold out to the laſt extremity, eſpecially upon notice that the Beſiegers wanted Amunition, and that a great number of their Horſes dye for want of Forrage: And Mr. *Walker* deſiſted not from confirming them by walking the rounds, firing the *Cannon* with his own hand, and animating thoſe that any ways fainted with expectation of ſpeedy ſuccour from *England*, telling them they could expect nothing but Miſery and Slavery under the oppreſſion of a *French* power: So that though the Town of *London-Derry*, the only Refuge of the *Proteſtants* in *Ireland*, is not large, nor extraordinary ſtrenghthened by Art, it has hitherto foiled and baffled the popiſh Army and compelled them to taſte of proteſtant valour: The *Cannon* continuing to play furiouſly, and all endeavours uſed to weary out the enemy, or raiſe the Seige.

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